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### CURATORS' MEETING.

At the meeting of the Executive Board December 19, all plans and specifications for the new buildings were accepted. At the next meeting of the board on January 30 bids will be opened for the following buildings: Medical Building, Horticultural Laboratory, Residence for Horticulturist, Engineering Laboratory, and Reed Hall. The Board also asked for plans for waterworks for the University and for a refrigerating plant, to be erected on the campus, for the club houses, the anatomical laboratory, and the Parker Hospital.

The following professors were granted leave of absence from June, 1902, to September, 1903: Dr. Paul Schweitzer, professor of Agricultural Chemistry and Chemist to the Experiment Station; B. F. Hoffman, professor of Germanic Languages; H. C. Penn, assistant professor of English; and L. M. Defoe, assistant professor of Mathematics. All of these professors will spend the year studying in Europe.

B. M. Neale was appointed stenographer for the Dean of the Academic Department in place of Dan Rudolph, resigned.

The State Historical Society was given the small room formerly used by the co-operative store as a store room.

Dr. Carl M. Snied was made assistant professor in Bacteriology, for the remainder of the present session.

Professor Almstedt read a paper before the Modern Language Association at Champagne, Ill., last week.

Prof. Loeb attended the meeting in Washington City of the National Historical and Economic Society during the holidays.

Professor Weeks spent part of the holidays in Champagne, Ill., and read a paper before the Modern Language Association which met at that place.

The Board appropriated out of the Engineering Laboratory fund, \$5,000 for equipment in the Civil Engineering Department; \$5,000 for Electrical Engineering Department, and \$5,000 for the Mechanical Engineering Department.

Dr. Jesse read a paper before the Nebraska State Teachers' Association which met at Lincoln, Nebraska, last week. His subject was: "What Affections School Should Beget." This paper was read on Friday evening, January 3.

The claim of the University against the Government for damage to buildings and property during the Civil War is being prosecuted before

Congress. The amount of this claim is \$17,450. A bill for the payment of the claim has been introduced in the Senate by Senator Cockrell and in the House by Congressman Shackelford, of this district.

Dr. Greene, Dr. Thilly, Dr. Max Meyer, Professor Lefevre, Dr. Jackson and Professor Curtis attended meetings of scientific societies in Chicago. Dr. Thilly read a paper before the joint meeting of the American Psychological Association and the Western Philosophical Association, on "The Theory of Induction." Dr. Max Meyer on "After Images in Auditory Sensations."

Dr. Hetherington has served notice on the Intercollegiate Association of Missouri that the University withdraws from the association. This action is taken on account of the action of Warrensburg in refusing to comply with the Chicago Conference rules in regard to amateur athletics and also on account of the violation of these rules by the Osteopaths of Kirksville who are members of the association.

The Self Culture Clubs of St. Louis have invited a number of professors in the University to lecture at their meeting during the month of February. On February 6 and 7, Dr. Lefevre will lecture on "Things Under the Water, What They Are and How They Act." On the same days Prof. W. G. Manly will lecture on "The Home of the Beautiful, Ancient Greece." On February 13 and 14 Prof. C. M. Marbut's subject will be "The Earth Ten Million Years Ago." On the same days Prof. Almstedt will lecture on "Pictures and Books From Old Germany." On the 20 and 21 Prof. Sears will discuss the subject, "The Sun, What it is and How it Looks." Prof. W. C. Curtis, "Peculiar Animals of This Region." The last papers of the series will be, one by W. G. Brown, "Bread and Yeast, the Chemistry of Food;" and one by James Thayer Gerould on "History of the Printed Book." These clubs are organized by leading men of the country for educational purposes and are a sort of University extension movement. It is a high compliment to these gentlemen and to the University that they are given such a great part in this work during an entire month. The papers to be read can not fail to be very interesting and highly instructive to those who attend the meetings of these clubs and it is also very beneficial to the University for members of the faculty to come before such meetings.

In Latin Class—Professor: "Wallace, give principal parts of possum."

Wallace: "Head, tail and feet, sir."—Ex.

### J. S. MADDOX LEAVES MISSOURI.

J. S. Maddox has been elected principal of the Fort Smith (Ark.) High School and will leave Missouri about February 1 to take up his work at that place. This is a splendid position and while Mr. Maddox's many friends here regret his leaving the University, they are glad that he has been successful in securing so good a position. The Fort Smith school is one of the best high schools in the south. It has an endowment of \$125,000 and is well supported by a rich city.

Mr. Maddox graduated from the University in the class of 1900 and since that time has been manager of the co-operative store which was established by him at the beginning of the year 1900-1901 and the success of that enterprise has been largely due to his judicious management. He has met all the trying problems that arise in the early days of a new enterprise and how wisely they have been handled is attested by the phenomenal success of the store. During the time he was a student, Mr. Maddox was closely identified with the students and student organization. He was for several years night librarian, was a member of M. S. U. Debating Club, captain of Company C in 1900-1901, and cadet major at the beginning of the present year. There is no more popular man at Missouri than J. S. Maddox. He has the confidence of every member of Missouri University, faculty and students alike and all here will hear with pleasure of the success that is sure to be his in his new work.

### PROF. EDWARDS RESIGNS.

Princeton paper: Prof. J. C. Edwards, superintendent of the Princeton public schools, tendered his resignation at the school board meeting Monday night. Prof. Edwards received notice on Saturday that he had been selected as a teacher of English in the Philippines, a place for which he applied some months ago. Mr. Edwards asked the board of education here to release him that he might accept the better position that had been tendered. The board accepted the resignation to take effect whenever the professor is ordered away.

Prof. Edwards' work has been highly satisfactory to our people and we regret to lose him from our school. Princeton has one of the best public schools in this part of the state and we earnestly hope the board of education may be able to find a man who is able to maintain the high standard of the work now being done.

Mr. Edwards was a student here for four years and graduated in the academic department in 1899. He was president of the class and a very popular student.